## RESOLUTION

RE: REFERRAL TO PHILLIPS COUNTY ELECTORS AT THE COUNTY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO PURSUE THE CREATION OF A 51<sup>ST</sup> STATE

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Phillips County, Colorado, and

WHEREAS, C.R.S § 31-11-103.5 authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to submit a ballot question to the registered voters of Phillips County in the form of a referred measure, and

WHEREAS, the Board has been in communication with commissioners of at least nine other Colorado counties who, in concert with the Board, have discussed the creation of a 51<sup>st</sup> state, and

**WHEREAS,** in July, 2013, the Board held two meetings in Phillips County to discuss the concept of creating a 51<sup>st</sup> state, and

**WHEREAS**, in both meetings, citizens asked the Board to put the matter to a countywide vote of registered voters at the November 5, 2013, election, and

WHEREAS, being the "Governing Body" of Phillips County, as that term is defined in C.R.S. § 1-1-104(18), the Board desires to call for a Phillips County election on November 5, 2013, for registered electors of Phillips County to consider the following question:

## QUESTION:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, in concert with the county commissioners of other Colorado counties, pursue becoming the 51<sup>st</sup> state of the United States of America?

WHEREAS, that each registered voter at the election and desirous of voting may cast a vote of either "Yes" or "No" to said question.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, Colorado, that the Board hereby call for a Phillips County election on November 5, 2013, for registered electors of Phillips County to consider the following question:

## QUESTION:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, in concert with the county commissioners of other Colorado counties, pursue becoming the 51<sup>st</sup> state of the United States of America?

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that each registered voter at the election and desirous of voting may cast a vote of either "Yes" or "No" to said question.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the Clerk to the Board shall publish notice of the election, along with the full text of the above-stated question, within 30 days of this Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by the following vote on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST: Beth Zella

Phillips County Clerk to the Board

K. Joe Kinnie, Chair

Donald J. Lock

Harlan E. Stern

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

Date of signature: